

...has concluded its investigation and filed their [final report](#) .

Associated Press' headline reads " [House panel says Democrats messed up 2007 vote](#) "

It took a special House committee more than a year of investigating, at a cost of \$500,000, to validate GOP claims that majority Democrats made the wrong call on a contested vote one late night in the summer of 2007. The dispute fed into the highly partisan atmosphere on Capitol Hill that continues to this day.

"One fact is indisputable," according to the report Thursday by the six-member bipartisan panel. The final vote was "incorrect" on a procedural motion by Republicans intended to ensure illegal immigrants would not get certain benefits from an agriculture spending bill.

The investigative panel led by Reps. William Delahunt, D-Mass., and Mike Pence, R-Ind., recommended the repeal of a House rule that bars the majority from holding a vote open until enough arms can be twisted to change the outcome.

"There is nothing wrong with any majority leader seeking to have a vote closed when his side is winning ," Pence said. *"But there is a line that must not be crossed."*

Fox News reports that " [House Democrats Stole Immigration Vote](#) "

Democrats incorrectly closed a vote on the House floor in August 2007, which would have resulted in Republicans prevailing on an immigration issue, according to a special bipartisan House committee.

The committee found that "the vote tally of 212 yeas and 216 nays that was finally announced was incorrect. It is either 215 yeas and 213 nays, which would have reflected the tally at the time the chair prematurely announced the result, or 211 yeas and 217 nays."

The committee, led by Reps. Bill Delahunt (D-MA) and Mike Pence (R-IN), issued a final report

on the alleged "stolen vote" and spent a half million dollars investigating the vote...

The top Republican on the panel, Mike Pence, called the August vote "a dark moment" in the House.

Congressman Pence's opening statement at today's select committee public hearing can be found [HERE](#) .